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In re Application of:

Wolfgang HEIL et al.

Examiner: L.S. CHANNAVAJALA

Serial No.: 09/757,688

Group Art Unit: 1615

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Title: DROSPIRENONE FOR HORMONE REPLACEMENT THERAPY

REPLY

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Sir:

In response to the Office Action mailed June 26, 2002, and in view of the Interview
conducted December 18, 2002, kindly amend the above-identified application as follows.

IN THE SPECIFICATION

Amend the paragraph at page 4, lines 21-23, to read as follows:

F1

Apart from the active substances themselves, it is envisaged that an ester or prodrug of
drospirenone may be employed in the present composition, e.g., an oxyiminopregnane
carb lactone as disclosed in WO 98/24801.

Amend the paragraph at page 9, lines 17-21, to read as follows:

F2

In preferred embodiments, the dose of DRSP corresponds to 15 to 70 mg per cycle, such as 20 to
60 mg per cycle, particularly 40 to 60 mg per cycle. The length of the cycle, as stated *supra* may